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July 27, 1983

Dear Resisters:

Since we decided not to have a board meeting this summer we're sending you this ~~update~~ ^{update} on recent and upcoming Resist events.

****Party.** The much talked about Resist gathering will take place on October 8th at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church in Cambridge, MA. So far Grace Paley, Carlos Otero, Frank B., Noam, Leslie Cagan, Donna Finn and Benjamin Spock have agreed to be inviters to the event - our 16th Anniversary Celebration. In addition, we've asked Mustaffa Randolph, Jose Barreiro from Akwesasne Notes, Denise Levertov and Winona LaDuke to be inviters. Invitees will be all our supporters and grantees. Ken, Meredith, Kate and Pam have been meeting regularly to discuss the details of this party. You will all get your invitations soon and we hope that you will attend. In addition we are going to need help setting up, with food and bartending etc. If you are especially skilled at any of these tasks, please let us know.

****In the meantime,** we have been giving emergency grants to most of the organizations that have called us since our last meeting.

Committee for a Non-Nuclear Future in Tucson received \$100 to help them put out publicity on the peace camp they've set up at their local Air Force Base - the only training area in the country for pilots learning how to fly bombers carrying Cruise Missiles.

July 2nd Committee in Providence received \$100 to help them organize for the July 2nd demo in DC.

WIRE Exchange, an old Resist friend, received \$100 for postage to help them distribute some new material.

Plenty International Relief Group in DC was sent \$100 for a mailing they were doing to notify an international mailing list about a specific violation of human rights in El Salvador per the request of Jose Barreiro from the Akwesasne.

November 12th Coalition in DC. We sent \$100 to help them get started on planning for the demo against US intervention in CA. We asked that they make us a sponsor for the event.

Women's Video Collective in Cambridge received \$160 for a box of video tapes so they could tape the August 1st action at the Seneca Army Depot. We originally turned down their request for a grant but reconsidered after seeing samples of their work.

CARD in DC received \$100 to put out an emergency mailing.

** The request for Tax Exemption is underway. Ken and I met with Lee Goldberg, our lawyer, about two weeks ago to discuss strategy. Ken will be writing the proposal and I will work on the budget, financial questions.

**Bonnie Acker, a noted graphic artist from the Boston area, is designing a RESIST t-shirt which will be ready for our October party. Better get your orders in now.

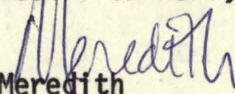
**A big surprise will be in the mail in September. You may not recognize your RESIST newsletter.

**Our financial situation is terrific. And, considering that it's the end of July, it is actually stupendous. The contributions are rolling in and it looks like we'll be able to keep ourselves funded through the Fall when money should pick up again. We're doing some large mailings in September, around 13,000 pieces. And though the party will cost some, we hope to offset these costs by asking for a \$2 donation at the door and by selling T-shirts.

** Board meeting. It looks like we may have a board meeting in September. This may cause some problems for out-of-towners who may want to be here for the meeting and the party. Please give us some feedback. A meeting the day after the party won't be feasible since it will be impossible to prepare for the party and a board meeting at the same time. But there will be an informal brunch at Louis' the day after the party for all the board members who will be in town.

So, that's it for this month. I'm going up to the Seneca Army Depot to participate in Civil Disobedience on August 1st. And, as luck would have it, I will probably be arrested. Wish me luck.

Best from here,


Meredith

DON'T FORGET, RESIST PARTY OCT 8TH

BRUNCH AT LOUIS ON OCT 9TH

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Oct. 9

At: Louie's house 14 Glenwood Rd., Cambridge at 11:00 492-3468

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Don't miss the RESIST celebration on Sat. Oct. 8th. You'll be getting an updated program in the mail soon.

Agenda:

* Honduras Info Center in Boston wants to use our mailing list for a promotional mailing for their newsletter.

* We have lots of proposals since we didn't meet in July or August. We can afford to give away at least 3,000 dollars.

(It seems like the copy center might have slightly mixed up one or two packets although after re-checking I think they're o.k.)

Grant Requests:

1. Brandywine Peace Community (phil PA)- \$755 for printing and postage for mailing
2. Handbook on the Effects of Militarism Upon Society (Chicago IL) - portion of \$1700 to keep them going while they wait for other grants.
3. War Resisters League(Durham, NC) - \$500 for anti-racism workshops in the South.
4. Women's Alliance for Boston Elections- \$200 toward an election forum on women's issues.
5. syracuse Peace Council (NY) - a portion of \$1,300 for an intern from Sweden
6. Church Women United (NY) - \$475 to provide expenses for 3 women to attend the Chruch United 1984 Ecumenical Assembly
7. Anthropology Resource Center (Boston) - \$250 for photos and slides on the Mayan people in Florida
8. Guatemalan Information Center (long Beach, CA) - \$500 towards printing "Women of Corn".
9. Nebraskans for Peace - \$1150 for anti-MX work

10. Students for Peace (PA) - any amount for general support.
11. "I must not Fight" (WA) - \$374 for production of oral history of conscientious objection
12. CASA (Boston) - \$244 for subs of publications about Latin America
13. Federation for Progress (NY,NY) - \$500 for typesetting and layout of organizing kit.
14. Center for Nuclear Responsibility (Miami FL) - \$500 for Turkey Point safety project seed money.
15. MICAH (detroit) - \$1,000 for Detroit sanctuary project.
16. Draft and Military Education Project (Cleveland OH) - \$500 for general support
17. Rocky Flats Dis./Con Project (denver) - any amount for demo on Oct. 15
18. Pacific Peacemaker (Seattle WA) - \$500 towards 16mm projector.
19. Nuclear Resister (Tempe AZ) - \$200 to produce newsletter
20. Bread and Puppet Theatre Support Group (Vermont) - any amount for travel expenses
21. Grassroots Group of Second Class Citizens (Springfield IL) - \$308 for printing brochure.
22. New England Energy Slide Show Project (somerville MA) - \$750 to duplicate and promote energy slide show.
23. Second Int. Tribunal for Blacks in the U.S. (NY,NY) - \$505 to purchase video cassettes, audio cassettes, and 35mm film to record the events of the tribunal
24. Grassroots Women's Project (arkansas) \$450 for answering machine and file cabinets.
25. Inalienable Rights Institute - any amount for registering prisoners to vote.
26. WIRE (NY,NY) \$750 for production and promotion of packets.
27. Mobe (Cabbridge) - 206 for legislative hotline.
28. Reproductive Rights National Network (NY,NY) - any amount for conference.

See you at the party. If anyone wants to take a shift bartending or serving food during the party give us a call soon. We could use help.

From the Office.

Ken
Ken Tangvik

Proxy sheet

1. Brandywine Peace Community ___Y___N___Maybe
2. Handbook on the Effects of Militarism ___Y___N___Maybe
3. War Resisters League ___Y___N___Maybe
4. Women's Alliance for Boston Elections ___Y___N___Maybe
5. Syracuse Peace Council ___Y___N___Maybe
6. Church Women United ___Y___N___Maybe
7. Anthropology Resource Center ___Y___N___Maybe
8. Guatemalan Info Center ___Y___N___Maybe
9. Nebraskans for Peace ___Y___N___Maybe
10. Students for Peace ___Y___N___Maybe
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21. Grassroots Group of Second-Class Citizens ___Y___N___Maybe
22. N.E. Energy Slide Show Project ___Y___N___Maybe
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24. Grassroots Women's Project ___Y___N___Maybe
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28. Reproductive Rights National Network ___Y___N___Maybe

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MINUTES, RESIST BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 9, 1983

Present were: Louis, Pam, Kate, Grace, Frank B., Frank J., Wayne, Meredith, Ken T., Paul, and George

****Mailing list:** We've had several requests for the use of our mailing list. Intervention magazine is a new publication just being put together by several Vietnam Vets. We got good recommendations for them but decided we want to see their work before we let them use the list. Honduras Information Center - we agreed that they can use our list in November for a promotion of their publication Honduras Update.

****Loan Fund:** We discussed guidelines for the loan fund after a discussion of possible default on our loan to WIN magazine which is folding owing us \$350. We decided that loans will go for fundraising mailings not subscription campaigns, put together a form letter promisory note stipulating that Resist will be repaid as soon as the returns on the mailing come in. And lastly we'll write up guidelines stressing that the fund is a movement fund and that its existence depends on the participation of those using the fund. The fund at this point is at \$2469.50 with \$1000 outstanding. We agreed to put money into the loan fund at each board meeting until the fund equals \$3000(\$5000?).

****A suggestion was made that we print a list of publications on Central America in the newsletter.**

****Party Report:** We broke even. This is what we hoped to do since the party was not a fundraising event. We only charged \$3 at the door. The program was long but the turnout was incredible - there were at least 300 if not 400 people attending. We still have 150 T-shirts left. Adult sizes s, m, l and xl are \$6 each. Lavender printing on a maroon shirt with the new Resist logo (see enclosed pledge card). *For more details on Party see issue #161 of RESIST NL.*

****Next meeting is November 20th at 65 Antrim St., Cambridge.** I'm enclosing a Business Reply Envelope. Please let us know if you want a complete board packet otherwise you'll only get the cover letter. This is important since we're trying to save on printing costs.

***** GRANTS *****

At Paul's suggestion we broke the grants down into 6 categories to facilitate discussion. The categories were:

- *Central America
- *Women
- *Anti-War (National Work)
- *Anti-War (Local organizing)
- *Anti-Nuke
- *Racism

CENTRAL AMERICA

7. Anthropology Resource Center (Boston, MA) - \$250 for the CORN*MAYA project. We gave money to this project last winter in an emergency grant for an interpreter for some Kanjobal indians who were arrested by the INS in Florida. Since then this project has been established to help these and other Guatemalan refugees remain in this country. There was a general consensus among those present that any work that ARC does is exemplary and deserving of our support.

12. CASA (Cambridge, MA) - \$250 for subscriptions to 12 spanish and english language publications on Central America.

29. Honduras Information Center (Cambridge, MA) - "Z money" \$1000 to do a subscription campaign for the Honduras Update the only publication of its kind on Honduras.

**November 12 Coalition (Washington DC) - We did not receive a proposal from this group but decided that it was essential that we support this demonstration. \$500 was sent with the stipulation that it be used only for outreach to the peace and anti-nuke movement. This grant will preclude any funding for local organizing around this demonstration. (A good policy for future national demos?).

WOMEN

4. Women's Alliance for Boston Elections (Boston, MA) - \$200 though we usually don't support anything affiliated with electoral politics. considering the nature of the Boston mayoral race and the impact this group has had in raising feminist issues in this campaign, we decided it was essential that we give them funding.

21 Grassroots Group of 2nd Class Citizens (Springfield, IL) - We had quite a debate about funding civil disobedience that was so widely focussed but decided to give this group \$300 with a letter of dissent from Paul.

26. WIRE(NYC) - Again another debate on the value of their work. But enough people felt that it is a valuable resource to movement people. \$200 in addition to the \$100 emergency grant they received in August.

28. Reproductive Rights National Network (NYC Conference) - Without much debate we granted them \$250.

ANTI-WAR (local organizing)

1. Brandywine Peace Community (Philadelphia) - \$400 to help with costs of fundraising mailing. They're having a hard time since they lost their free housing/staff time.

9. Nebraskans for Peace (Lincoln, NE) - \$300 for 3 months telephone costs of the NO MX project)

16. Draft and Military Education Project (Cleveland) - \$400 pending a recommendation from Steve Cagan. This group seemed right up our alley.

17. Rocky Flats Disarmament/Conversion Project (CO) - \$100 token grant. You're doing good work but you're too mainstream for us and have access to other \$\$.

19. The Nuclear RESister (Tempe, AZ) - \$200 for the newsletter. Some of us were more positive about this group than others.

ANTI-WAR (national organizing)

20. Bread and Puppet Theater (VT) - \$100 as a token of our appreciation for their constant support and presence for the peace movement.

ANTI-NUCLEAR

22. New England Energy Slide Show (Boston, MA) - We saw the first half of this slide show at the board meeting and liked it a lot. The politics were there as well i.e. nuclear arms, Reagan's policies. \$400 towards purchase of slide projector and reproduction of slides.

RACISM

3. War Resisters League, SE (Durham, NC) - \$250 for anti-racism workshops. We had quite a debate on this and the following grant. Mostly this debate centered around the value of both kinds of anti-racist work, many feeling that it is useless. Our compromise was to fund both or neither.

23. International Tribunal on Reparations for Black People (NYC) - \$100 token contribution.

***** REJECTIONS, POSTPONEMENTS & ETC. *****

8. Guatemala Info Center (CA) for Women of Corn. Many of us had strong reservations about this group publishing the books themselves. We are willing to reconsider supporting them if they go to a more mainstream publisher. Or even to a movement press. It was suggested that we reprint some of the book in the newsletter.

15. MICAH (Detroit) - They do great work and we've funded them before but buying a used car for their legislative project was not a priority for us. We had too many Central American requests and this was not the top of the list.

6. Church Women United (NYC) - They have more money than we'll ever hope to see. There must be a better way for them to get low-income women to their conference.

24 Grassroots Women's Group (Arkansas) - We want to do some more checking on this group and consider them at the next meeting.

5. Syracuse Peace Council (Syracuse NY) - It's hard to turn down an old friend. The sentiment was that they asked us for \$\$ for an interna again this year 'cause that's what we funded them for last year. Not such a good idea. We want them to be more thoughtful about their funding requests. Also, we don't generally fund interns.

2. Handbook on the Effects of Militarism (Chicago) - They're charging too much money for such a small handbook. And their distribution strategy is very questionable.

10. Students for Peace ((PA) - Postpone. We couldn't do follow-up on this group in time for the meeting.

11. I must not fight (WA) - we don't fund individual projects, esp. ones with such large budgets. Maybe \$\$ for distribution.

13. Federation for Progress (NYC) - Kits are not the ultimate organizing tool. There are enough groups organizing Nuke Free Zones that communication seems to be the best organizing strategy at this point.

18. Pacific Peacemaker (Seattle) - Not a priority, they can get other \$\$
They should let us know what's happening. They are doing a good job getting
publicity on the pacific.

27. Mobilization for Survival (Cambridge) - We didn't think supporting their
legislative hotline was a priority for us.

14. Center for Nuclear Responsibility (Miami) - There's lots of grassroots support
for anti-nuclear power. They should use these contacts to get publicity out.
This seemed like a one-person project.

25. Inalienable Rights Institute (Washington) - Withdrawn

30. CPF (Boston) - Postponed with many suggestions from the board on how to
go about pursuing subscribers.

Well, that's it for this time. We made 16 grants totalling \$4100 plus \$300
to the loan fund. One referral was made for Z money, 3 postponements and
10 rejections.

** Financial Report: We obviously are doing well if we can give \$4100 at
an October meeting. Our direct mail campaign is paying off. We have
an average of 15 new contributors a week. And our pledge list is now over
200, aiming for 300. We're spending a lot on mailings - we've put out
60,000 pieces already this year with 15,000 more planned for the month of
November. But so far all of these mailings have broken even and some have
even made money for us. Additionally, mailings to our own list are keeping us
solvent. A mailing to 900 Resist contributors in July brought in \$6000.
Next year we plan to do large mailings to the lists that have tested well
for us.

Don't forget the next BOARD MEETING IS Nov. 20 at Pam Chamberlain's, 65 Antrim
St. in Cambridge.

Best from here

Meredith

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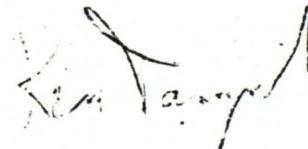
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Dianne Bennett
William Graebner
185 Chapin Pkwy.
Buffalo, NY 14209

Dear Dianne and William:

Thanks for letting us know about Grassroots Group of Second Class Citizens. They seem to be an "activist" group if ever there was one. I have sent you a copy of the RESIST guidelines and I hope you will send them on to this group. Our next board meeting is on October 9th and the deadline for applications is September 9th. It was good to hear from both of you.

In Solidarity,



Ken Tangvik for RESIST

Dear Ken Tangvik and RESIST Board,

Enclosed is a folder containing a grant proposal, printed materials, press releases and press clippings about our organization. Seeing the list of groups you helped to support in 1982, many of which we were unaware of, made us feel more hopeful, less isolated.

May Lee Sargent for
a Grassroots Group of
Second Class Citizens